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Part B for ~~June~~ Aug 1950

SUBJECT	
Inauguration of the Indian Republic - Celebrations on 26th & 27th Jan 1950 at Bangalore	26th & 27th Jan 1950 on 26th in Jan 1950 Race Course.

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Chief Secretary government of mysore
Camp mysore

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= Bangalore Sub area dto 2609 -25

Recd in camp mysore at 6.45 Pm - on 26-1-50

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Mjr Home
Chief Mjr

3) 11/
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Sunday
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OFFICE OF THE HOME MINISTER
No. 12583
Date 28/1/50

Office of the Chief Minister
No. 6143
Date of Receipt 30/1/50

Republic Day celebrations - parades

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INDIAN POSTS AND [ ] TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

PRESS TELEGRAM.

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4) Let a note be put up whether this is in conformity with the G of I instructions. When I was just leaving Bangalore for Mysore on the 26th morning I read a letter from Brig: Habibullah addressed to me from the Ch: Min asking him whether there was any

6143. objn to the salute being taken by the Military Officer instead of the highest Civil Officer available. I wrote back to say that in the absence of any other directions, those issued by the G of I should be adhered to. Yet I see this has happened.. It seems to be that the matter has to be brought to the notice of the State Govt - when making a report of the celebrations in the State.

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5) I have requested D.C. Bellary (Urban) to send a report. Reminder by Phone

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General and Revenue Secretariat | 3362 CB | File No. | parade at Bangalore | of 19 | on 26th

Serial No.

Letter No. 1123-F1-49-50 dated 30th Jan. 1950 from the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore district (urban) incorporating therein a brief Report on the parade (military) held on 26th January 1950 at the Race course in Connection with the Republic Day celebrations

Submitted

6) Reference para 4 and 5 Supra.

7) The Connected file is placed below. The letter* received from the Govt of India imparting instructions as to the authority which would take the Salute at the parades and the letter+ issued by us to the Brig Habibullah Officer commanding Bangalore Sub-Area, are flagged in the linked file.

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7) Draft letter put up for Consideration.

8) Refer para 4.

Chief Secy

2.2.50.

9) Secy R 3/2/50

10) Is perusal before issue.

Secy Home.
Chief Secy.

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12) Secy R 10/2/50

13) P.S: Copy of letter may be sent to the Secretary of Defence - G.O.I. Secy R 10/2

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7499 GOVT. OF MYSORE

OFFICE OF THE HOME MINISTER, No. 13/32 Date 6/2/50

Office of the Chief Minister No. 6385 Date 9.2.50 Note.—Contn. Sheet.

Republic Day celebrations - Parade at Bangalore

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General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

Issued letter No. 10642/CB dt 13.2.1950 to the Secretary to the Govt of India, Ministry of States, New Delhi and copy to the Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

"Svs"

14) Submitted with draft & Reminder for approval.
KGL 3/5.

15) Issue
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3.5.50

Issued No. 1794/CB dated 5th May 1950 to the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of States

Received letter No. F.50-P/50 dated 3rd June 1950 from Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of States

16) Chief Secretary's instructions on the P.U.O.
"File please" sd/- K.S.

* P.U.O.

17) Submitted with the file and the letter received from Government of India is for perusal.
KGL 7/6/50. Chief Secy)

18) ssmR
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19) For perusal before filing.

8/6/50

Minr. Home.
Minr. for F.
Chief Minr.

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(22) To be put up to C/F. office & Revenue).

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CHIEF SECRETARY 2133 7 JUN 1950 GOVT. OF MYSORE

OFFICE OF THE HOME No. 3668 Date 8/6/50

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE & INDUSTRIES No. 1568 Date 15-6-50

WD 06820—GPB—25,000—26-7-49

General and Revenue Secretariat

Republic day celebrations — parade at Bangalore

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WD 06071—GPB—25,000—20-6-49

Serial No.

Submitted

The file may be marked to Chief Minister

Reference paragraph 22 overleaf.

KRR 2/8/50. (Chief Min)

KMR 2/8/50

Office of the Chief Minister
No. 3068
Date of Receipt 3/8

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KMR 7/8/50.

Subd.

For orders whether the file may be closed.

Reference paragraph 22 overleaf.

KRR 7/8/50

yes KMR 7/8/50.

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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N. PUTTARANGASWAMY, B.Sc.,
Deputy Commissioner.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District (Urban),
Dated 30th January 1950.

D.O. No.1123-J1-49-50

Dear Sri Sreenivasan,

Sub: Inauguration of the Indian Republic -- Celebrations on the 26th and 27th January 1950.

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1) With reference to your No.9673/C.B. dated 23rd January 1950 forwarding a copy of your letter to the Sub Area Commander with ref. to the Parade that had been arranged on the 26th inst. in connection with the celebrations of the Republic, I write to inform you that the parade was held at 10 A.M. on the 26th inst. at the Race Course, Bangalore as originally fixed and Brigadier Habibullah of the Bangalore Sub Area took the salute.

2) I have also to mention in this connection that Brigadier Habibullah telephoned to me on the 25th night and mentioned about the reference received by him from you and the telephone conversation he had with you the same evening. He stated that the parade arranged was purely a military parade where he wanted to address the troops and that it was not possible to make any last minute changes. He wanted to make out that the parade aranged was purely a military function which had nothingto do with the celebrations of the Republic, and wanted me to arange for another general parade in the morning with refeence to the programme in connection with the celebrations f the Republic. I only mentioned to him that I had no interpretation to offer with reference to the letter of Governmt of India or the letter of the Chief Secretary and thain any case, it was not possible to arrange for another paradas suggested by him as it was neither contemplated nor s it practicable. I brought to his notice the fact tt the programme in Bangalore with reference to the celebratio of the Republic was arranged by Government after discussions th the representatives of the various

organisations, bodies and departments at a meeting which had been arranged in the Chief Secretary's room. I also brought to his notice that Col. Loomba attended that meeting to represent the Sub Area and that the parade at the Race Course was fixed as a part of the programme in connection with the celebrations of the Republic Day and that was the reason why the Race Course was fixed for the parade to facilitate the public to witness and participate in the same in large numbers. I also told him that it was up to him to interpret the order of the Government of India in the Home Department and that I had no opinion to offer about the same nor could I interpret it. He also ascertained if I was attending the parade and I told him that I was attending the same and that I would be there half-an-hour before the time fixed for the parade. As already stated however, Brigadier Habibullah took the salute at the parade arranged at the Race Course at 10 A.M. in which the Indian troops and the Mysore State troops took part.

3) I have brought these facts to your kind notice for favour of such action as may be deemed fit in the matter by the Government.

Yours Sincerely

Subbarampu

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Sri K. Srinivasan, B.Sc.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

(Fair draft Memo)

13/2/50

To 10642/CB

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic --
Celebrations on the 26th & 27th Jan. 1950.
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I am directed to refer to your letter No.F.12(5)-J/49 Vol.II dated the 19th January 1950, forwarding among other papers a copy of communication No.35/4/49-Public dated the 18th January 1950, from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India intimating that the highest Civil Authority in the Station irrespective of ~~their~~ his rank in the Warrant of Precedence should take the salute at the Ceremonial Parade to be held at different places in connection with the Celebrations on the occasion of the Inauguration of the Republic of India on the 26th January 1950.

In pursuance of these instructions, a copy of the Home Ministry's letter referred to above was forwarded to the Officer Commanding, Bangalore Sub Area. He was also informed that the highest civil authority in the Station who would be present in Bangalore on the 26th January

1950, was the District Magistrate and Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District (Urban).

In reply to this, a telegram was received at Hqrs. 17.15 Hours on the 26th January 1950 from the Bangalore Sub Area as noted below:-

"a (.) unclass (.) reference telephone conversation Sub Area Commander Chief Secretary evening 25 January and telephone conversation honourable Home Minister Sub Area Commander (.) your D.O.9673/CB. of 23 January(.) as army and air force are holding separate parades and no repeat no other bodies are included in these the army parade is considered to be held under Indian Army letter 12773/ag/PSI of 14 January as prelude to the Swearing in Ceremony(.) Government of India letter 35/4/49-Public of 18 January is not considered applicable to these arrangements made in Bangalore and as such we are proceeding according to previous plans."

The Officer Commanding, Bangalore Sub Area also addressed a letter to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of this Government asking him whether there was any objection to the salute being taken by the Military Officer instead of by the Highest Civil Officer present in the Station. He was informed that, in the absence of any other directions, those issued by the Government of India should be adhered to.

According to a report received from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District (Urban), the parade was held at 10 A.M. on the 26th instant at the Race Course as originally fixed and Brig. Habibullah, Offic Commanding Bangalore Sub Area took the salute. An extct from the report of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District (Urban)

(X) He seems to have held a Separate & Exclusive Parade for the R.I.A.F. at Jalahalli. No comment has been received from him regarding the reason for this course of action. He has, however, since the letter of inviting to be sent.

It may be mentioned here, that, in order to draw up the programme for the Republic Day Celebrations and to work out details, a Committee was formed with the Chief Secy as Chairman and certain Senior officers of Govt. as members. The Committee met on 24.12.49, 4.1.50 at Hqrs on 05.1.50 at Bhavan and decided among other things, to have a parade of armed forces at Bangalore on the morning of 26.1.50. The Brig. Base Sub Area, and the Air Officer Commanding No.2. R.I.A.F Training Centre were also invited to attend. Since he could not attend, now the Brig. has sent a representative (X) the Commandant Col. Coomba to take salute. The Committee decided in its meeting on 24.12.49 that the parade on 26.1.50 at Bangalore, the Mayor of the Corporation should take the salute. At the next mtg. they dropped the idea & agreed that the Military Officer holding the highest rank in Bangalore that day should take the salute. This arrangement need to be altered since the letter from the Govt. of Home dt 18.1.50 was received. Later (referred to above). It is however clear that this parade was definitely in connection with the Republic Day celebrations.

On receipt of similar instructions, Maj. Gl Hqrs of the Base area, telephoned to the Asst. on 28.1.50 at Bangalore and asked for the name & rank of the highest Civil Authority in Bangalore on 26.1.50, who is to take the salute. He was furnished by him & however also told that we had received similar instructions & that the

to follow the instructions issued by the Viceroy of H.
again. He made several impertinent suggestions
and impracticable proposals which were
not agreed to. He was finally told that if
he chose to adopt a different course of
action than what was laid down in the
H. Kejo letter, he did so entirely on his own
responsibility, but, so far as the Govt. was concerned
they would not give any more pecuniary assistance
to the Ex Govt. of H., and that Mr. Spicer
would be present at the Parade ground in
time to take the salute.

(A.) to come here.

bearing on the matter is enclosed for reference.

I am to bring these facts to your notice for such action as may be deemed fit.

I am to request that if there is no objection this Govt. may kindly be informed in due course of the action taken in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Copy wc to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi, for information.

were being Commd by Brig. Habibullah, and to Tr. N. in Tariq Convoy. Dy Comr. & Dr. Sgo to B'lore. The Nigha Civil Authority to be present in B'lore that day, who was to receive the Salute.

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Brig. H. was to station that day and he seems to have Come to B'lore on the am. of 25.1.50. Meanwhile the Chief Minister had moved on Mysore to take part in the Ceremonies on 26.1.50 at Mysore. Brig. H. telephoned late in the night of 25.1.50, and later to the Home Minr. and seems to have contacted the Minister for Def. at Bangalore, who was in ch. of affairs of C.M. then on his way to Mysore from Delhi. He agreed that the Troops from the Brig of Home Affairs will not take part in the parade at B'lore on 26.1.50, as it was not a Combined parade of Armed Forces & Civil forces under Police, Boy Scouts etc, hence he alone will take the Salute. He also told that the same things before will make any such Combined parade. Each had requested him

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To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States,
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and the Air Officer Commanding, No.2, R.I.A.F. Training Centre were also invited to attend. The latter did not attend, nor sent a representative. He seems to have held a separate and exclusive Parade for the R.I.A.F. at Jalahalli. No communication has been received from him giving the reason for this course of action. He has not even acknowledged the letter inviting him to the meeting. The Brigadier, however, sent Col. Loomba to the two later meetings. The Committee decided tentatively on the 24th December 1949 that at the Parade on the 26th January 1950 at Bangalore, the Mayor of the Corporation should take the salute. At the next meeting, the Committee dropped the idea and agreed that the Military Officer holding the highest rank in Bangalore that day should take the salute. This arrangement had to be altered when the letter from the Ministry of Home dated the 18th January 1950 was received later (referred to above). It is, however, clear that this parade was definitely in connection with the Republic Day Celebrations.

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Brig. Habibullah was not in Stath that day and he seems to have come to Bangalore on the afternoon of the

25th January 1950. Meanwhile all the Ministers and the undersigned had moved on to Mysore to take part in the Ceremonies on the 26th January 1950 at Mysore. Brig. Habibullah telephoned to the undersigned late in the night of 25th January 1950, and later to th Home Minister both at Mysore and seems to have contacte the Minister for Finance and Industries at Bangalore, who was incharge of current duties of Chief Minister and who was on his way to Mysore from Delhi. He argued that the letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs would not apply to the parade at Bangalore on 26th January 1950, as it was not a combined parade of ~~Home Affairs~~ armed forces and civil forces such as Police, Boy Scouts, etc., and hence he alone would take the salute. He was told that the Home Ministry's letter did not make any such distinction and hence this Government would request him to follow the instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. He made several counter suggestions and impracticable proposals which were not agreed to. He was finally told that, if he chose to adopt a different course of action than what was laid down in the Home Ministry's letter, he did so entirely on his own responsibility, but, so far as this Government was concerned, they would not issue any modified or different instructions to the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, and that, that officer would be present at the Parade groun in time to take the salute.

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Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Copy w/c to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi, for information.

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Draft Reminder

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To,

The Secretary to the Government
of India, Ministry of States,
New Delhi

Sir,

Sub: Inauguration of the Indian Republic celebrations on the 26th and 27th January 1950.

I am directed to invite your reference to this office letter No. 10642/CS dated 13th Feb. '50 on the above subject and to request ~~you to intimate~~ that action taken thereon may kindly be intimated if there is no objection.

Yours faithfully,

ACMR 14/3/50
for Chief Secretary

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5th May, 50

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Ministry of States, New Delhi.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF STATES

No. F.50-P/50. Dated New Delhi, the 3 June, 1950.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic Celebrations on the 26th and 27th January, 1950.

Reference:- Your letter No.10642/CB dated February 13, 1950.

I am directed to refer to your letter quoted above and to state that the Government of India have carefully examined the matter in consultation with the authorities concerned. It is regretted that a situation such as that described in your letter should have arisen, it seems however no useful purpose will be served by pursuing this matter further which may now be treated as closed. The Government of India propose to issue clear orders on this subject to avoid misunderstanding of this sort in future.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India.